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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

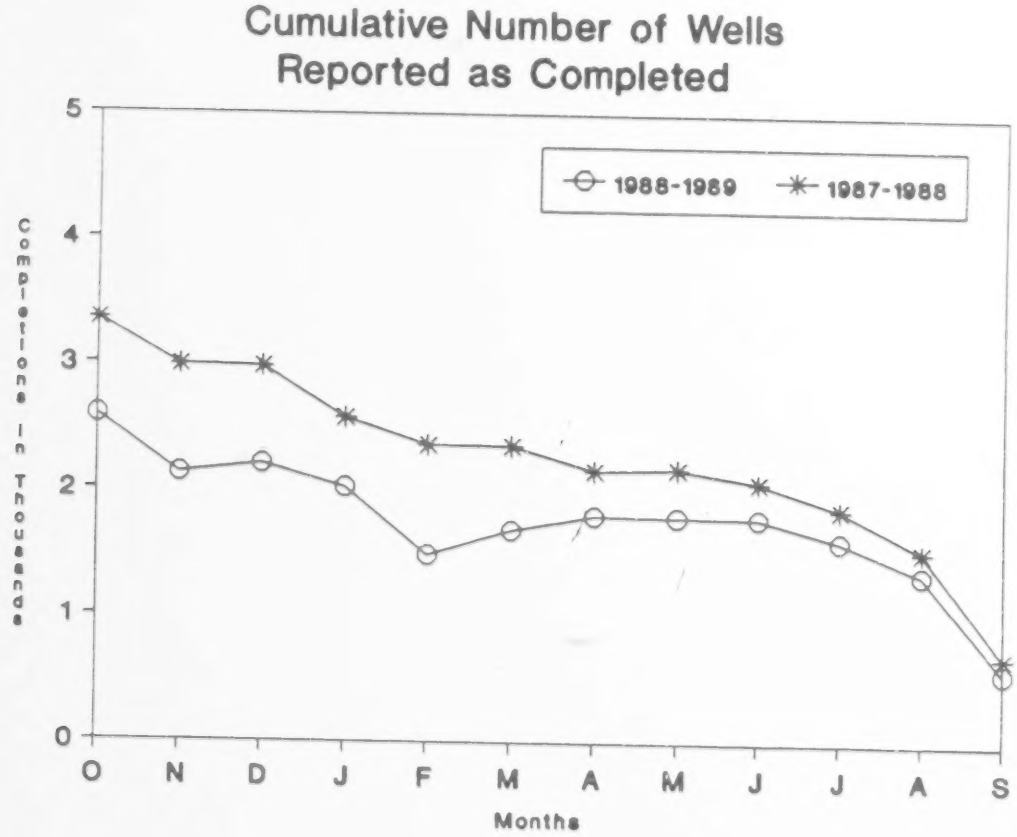

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1989[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	5,323	23,173,873	4,005	22,071,310	4,832	25,393,243	14,160	70,638,426	14,493	71,831,067
1989: SEP	175	668,913	65	369,945	341	1,811,179	581	2,850,037	589	2,878,485
AUG	531	2,080,937	291	1,697,966	536	2,845,977	1,358	6,624,880	1,400	6,773,957
JUL	603	2,614,497	442	2,455,129	572	2,938,745	1,617	8,008,371	1,661	8,174,910
JUN	659	3,044,044	519	2,584,026	615	3,119,355	1,793	8,747,425	1,821	8,827,461
MAY	731	3,117,881	488	2,624,524	581	2,893,050	1,800	8,635,455	1,837	8,757,547
APR	753	3,127,985	486	2,754,995	570	3,080,576	1,809	8,963,556	1,846	9,099,819
MAR	599	2,685,325	533	2,966,547	556	2,922,609	1,688	8,574,481	1,739	8,780,056
FEB	521	2,337,303	533	3,104,522	438	2,454,527	1,492	7,896,352	1,520	8,027,823
JAN	751	3,496,988	648	3,513,656	623	3,327,225	2,022	10,337,869	2,080	10,511,009
TOTAL 1988	12,574	55,067,517	7,755	41,441,329	9,596	50,986,184	29,925	147,495,030	30,833	150,343,287
1988: DEC	748	3,415,904	737	3,870,687	722	4,022,717	2,207	11,309,308	2,269	11,548,781
NOV	757	3,365,188	691	3,646,829	683	3,759,422	2,131	10,771,439	2,181	10,889,749
OCT	926	4,176,188	763	3,792,101	901	4,639,393	2,590	12,607,682	2,664	12,797,478
SEP	906	4,242,433	749	3,790,912	786	4,154,241	2,441	12,187,586	2,507	12,433,993
AUG	980	3,828,809	655	3,271,159	847	4,517,145	2,482	11,617,113	2,549	11,849,323
JUL	1,025	4,414,071	598	3,196,347	827	4,419,283	2,450	12,029,701	2,508	12,205,216
JUN	1,131	4,738,551	611	3,258,123	832	4,179,771	2,574	12,176,445	2,646	12,439,156
MAY	1,165	4,888,540	556	2,989,535	837	4,230,282	2,558	12,108,357	2,657	12,420,462
APR	1,177	5,207,975	517	3,005,497	768	4,201,999	2,462	12,415,471	2,545	12,703,151
MAR	1,240	5,423,238	610	3,554,603	770	4,145,750	2,620	13,123,591	2,729	13,421,995
FEB	1,214	5,348,759	623	3,480,487	740	4,122,971	2,577	12,952,217	2,683	13,233,098
JAN	1,305	6,017,861	645	3,585,049	883	4,593,210	2,833	14,196,120	2,895	14,400,885
TOTAL 1987	15,759	64,395,803	7,603	40,360,972	10,963	53,783,526	34,325	158,540,301	35,195	161,178,829
1987: DEC	1,371	6,006,307	685	3,754,204	1,067	5,619,058	3,123	15,379,569	3,207	15,638,558
NOV	1,510	6,140,058	671	3,528,586	957	4,880,531	3,138	14,549,175	3,223	14,761,479
OCT	1,557	6,280,142	830	4,430,195	1,147	5,326,274	3,534	16,036,611	3,647	16,432,830
SEP	1,447	6,020,684	690	3,369,738	1,027	5,055,814	3,164	14,446,236	3,227	14,647,540
AUG	1,505	5,740,263	693	3,412,992	1,002	4,909,519	3,200	14,062,774	3,277	14,318,543
JUL	1,364	5,194,321	591	3,342,856	956	4,413,027	2,911	12,950,204	3,014	13,203,365
JUN	1,212	4,794,649	525	2,870,722	843	4,110,384	2,580	11,775,755	2,647	11,954,431
MAY	1,234	5,040,244	494	2,690,496	806	4,054,555	2,534	11,785,295	2,622	12,112,476
APR	1,084	4,694,105	513	2,849,220	821	3,735,113	2,418	11,278,438	2,458	11,398,574
MAR	1,067	4,585,442	612	3,223,513	752	3,719,344	2,431	11,528,299	2,470	11,648,219
FEB	1,138	4,701,167	615	3,252,116	707	3,391,829	2,460	11,345,112	2,509	11,521,179
JAN	1,270	5,198,421	684	3,636,334	878	4,568,078	2,832	13,402,833	2,894	13,541,635
TOTAL 1986	18,468	74,318,618	8,047	42,854,012	12,329	59,783,015	38,844	176,955,645	39,678	179,581,726
TOTAL 1985	36,520	143,141,085	12,892	70,631,894	21,442	103,569,019	70,854	317,341,998	72,823	323,139,672

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1989[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	328	1,963,002	341	2,313,563	2,371	13,109,521	3,040	17,386,086
1989: SEP	16	76,998	8	43,705	176	937,175	200	1,057,878
AUG	27	118,745	22	148,815	250	1,465,217	299	1,732,777
JUL	33	216,011	35	252,027	269	1,587,271	337	2,055,309
JUN	34	194,355	48	319,720	295	1,515,557	377	2,029,632
MAY	35	250,369	39	255,977	293	1,521,171	367	2,027,517
APR	54	305,604	41	265,078	259	1,440,826	354	2,011,508
MAR	45	314,451	38	235,992	279	1,507,516	362	2,057,959
FEB	39	229,544	48	352,957	235	1,382,816	322	1,965,317
JAN	45	256,925	62	439,292	315	1,751,972	422	2,448,189
TOTAL 1988	800	4,863,626	660	4,440,997	4,627	26,669,281	6,087	35,973,904
1988: DEC	57	348,184	60	349,627	389	2,352,798	506	3,050,609
NOV	56	325,983	60	385,890	368	2,133,702	484	2,845,575
OCT	66	422,410	72	459,861	461	2,546,719	599	3,428,990
SEP	70	436,154	46	307,488	365	2,147,977	481	2,891,619
AUG	54	288,471	45	256,284	411	2,326,782	510	2,871,537
JUL	69	397,005	57	370,599	404	2,258,133	530	3,025,737
JUN	70	426,185	58	400,375	387	2,164,389	515	2,990,949
MAY	54	343,346	60	465,277	387	2,089,602	501	2,898,225
APR	84	559,551	60	402,468	348	1,952,894	492	2,914,913
MAR	64	384,056	44	318,839	367	2,177,056	475	2,879,951
FEB	74	487,349	51	395,742	352	2,156,614	477	3,039,705
JAN	82	444,932	47	328,547	388	2,362,615	517	3,136,094
TOTAL 1987	890	5,265,096	682	4,504,471	5,085	27,080,526	6,657	36,850,093
1987: DEC	72	410,551	52	335,718	513	2,914,448	637	3,660,717
NOV	90	544,965	58	319,667	466	2,597,688	614	3,462,320
OCT	77	412,534	74	475,749	527	2,690,658	678	3,578,941
SEP	86	535,258	54	328,045	485	2,549,282	625	3,412,585
AUG	75	427,994	70	431,706	444	2,361,463	589	3,221,163
JUL	85	455,687	52	351,788	407	2,109,217	544	2,916,692
JUN	70	428,543	50	417,269	371	1,982,000	491	2,827,812
MAY	68	380,284	51	362,051	373	1,998,302	492	2,740,637
APR	62	388,263	48	274,780	360	1,777,181	470	2,440,224
MAR	59	418,286	53	350,767	368	1,874,876	480	2,643,929
FEB	59	365,135	55	389,927	333	1,669,489	447	2,424,551
JAN	87	497,596	65	467,004	438	2,555,922	590	3,520,522
TOTAL 1986	994	5,969,425	751	5,100,788	5,426	29,857,430	7,171	40,927,643
TOTAL 1985	1,725	10,082,913	1,290	8,673,191	9,216	49,639,872	12,231	68,395,976

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING SEPTEMBER 1989

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	949	3,741,775	826	4,197,655	807	3,939,755	2,582	11,879,185	2,660	12,130,884
1989: SEP	175	668,913	65	369,945	341	1,811,179	581	2,850,037	589	2,878,485
AUG	400	1,623,388	260	1,549,548	255	1,289,786	915	4,462,722	951	4,586,647
JUL	150	674,323	200	1,061,264	88	430,061	438	2,165,648	452	2,229,252
JUN	73	315,080	114	487,378	46	168,936	233	971,394	238	992,189
MAY	56	155,788	63	246,559	23	48,952	142	451,299	145	453,784
APR	33	86,800	41	138,147	23	80,436	97	305,383	98	306,383
MAR	21	97,698	34	138,958	13	48,264	68	284,920	69	289,905
FEB	22	49,652	25	105,699	9	35,633	56	190,984	56	190,984
JAN	19	70,133	24	100,157	9	26,508	52	196,798	62	203,255
TOTAL 1988	85	287,335	95	426,880	39	82,609	219	796,824	229	809,417
1988: DEC	10	30,771	17	65,518	6	14,018	33	110,307	33	110,307
NOV	11	67,154	14	45,852	7	11,600	32	124,606	33	127,193
OCT	8	36,008	9	34,673	4	11,765	21	82,446	21	82,446
SEP	10	18,765	9	40,252	4	4,709	23	63,726	25	66,306
AUG	13	48,710	7	45,215	2	2,257	22	96,182	23	96,864
JUL	7	18,074	5	14,816	5	9,760	17	42,650	22	47,114
JUN	12	30,866	10	38,105	4	4,274	26	73,245	27	75,525
MAY	4	16,282	10	34,320	1	2,570	15	53,172	15	53,172
APR	2	1,622	5	29,834	1	3,837	8	35,293	8	35,293
MAR	0	0	3	30,178	0	0	3	30,178	3	30,178
FEB	6	16,301	2	19,554	3	10,660	11	46,515	11	46,515
JAN	2	2,782	4	28,563	2	7,159	8	38,504	8	38,504
TOTAL 1987	49	114,088	15	87,251	38	60,189	102	261,528	104	264,007
1987: DEC	5	16,244	1	2,578	3	4,410	9	23,232	10	24,713
NOV	6	19,110	0	0	8	17,929	14	37,039	15	38,037
OCT	6	12,796	2	19,433	6	9,209	14	41,438	14	41,438
SEP	4	6,190	2	8,017	1	798	7	15,005	7	15,005
AUG	3	2,666	4	20,325	5	6,329	12	29,320	12	29,320
JUL	2	2,154	3	18,817	4	6,497	9	27,468	9	27,468
JUN	3	3,567	0	0	1	1,530	4	5,097	4	5,097
MAY	4	5,291	1	13,192	2	3,878	7	22,361	7	22,361
APR	1	2,664	1	1,287	2	2,186	4	6,137	4	6,137
MAR	4	13,125	0	0	1	1,800	5	14,925	5	14,925
FEB	10	28,601	1	3,602	5	5,623	16	37,826	16	37,826
JAN	1	1,680	0	0	0	0	1	1,680	1	1,680
TOTAL 1986	22	81,449	15	101,833	27	30,391	64	213,673	64	213,673
YRS PRIOR TO 1986	43	142,245	27	207,954	56	58,489	126	408,688	131	417,459
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,148	4,366,892	978	5,021,573	967	4,171,433	3,093	13,559,898	3,188	13,835,440

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of September 29, 1989. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period August 26, 1989 through September 29, 1989. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.